



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 5299***

LCO No. 1318

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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Veterans' Affairs

Introduced by:  
(VA)

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COMMENDATION MEDAL, AN  
ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL AND THE ORDER OF PRECEDENCE FOR  
STATE MILITARY DECORATIONS AND AWARDS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1      Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Adjutant General and  
2      two officers of field grade or above, appointed by the Adjutant  
3      General, shall constitute a board of officers to receive  
4      recommendations, through military channels, for the award of a  
5      commendation medal to any member of the armed forces of the state  
6      who has distinguished himself or herself by an act of heroism,  
7      extraordinary achievement or meritorious service. The commendation  
8      medal may be awarded for acts of valor of a lesser degree than those  
9      described in section 27-72 of the general statutes. Such acts may  
10     involve aerial flight. A bronze V device shall be displayed on the  
11     suspension and service ribbons of commendation medals awarded for  
12     valor. A bronze oak leaf cluster shall be issued in lieu of succeeding  
13     awards and a silver oak leaf cluster may be worn in lieu of three  
14     bronze oak leaf clusters. Except for acts of valor, the commendation  
15     medal shall not be awarded to general officers.

16       Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Adjutant General and two  
 17 officers of field grade or above, appointed by the Adjutant General,  
 18 shall constitute a board of officers to receive recommendations,  
 19 through military channels, for the award of a achievement medal to  
 20 any member of the armed forces of the state who has distinguished  
 21 himself or herself by meritorious service or achievement of a lesser  
 22 degree than required for award of the commendation medal set forth  
 23 in section 1 of this act. A bronze oak leaf cluster shall be issued in lieu  
 24 of succeeding awards and a silver oak leaf cluster may be worn in lieu  
 25 of three bronze oak leaf clusters. The achievement medal shall not be  
 26 awarded to general officers.

27       Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The order of precedence of state  
 28 military decorations and awards shall be as follows: The medal of  
 29 valor, the medal of merit, the commendation medal, the achievement  
 30 medal, the emergency service ribbon, the selected reserve force ribbon,  
 31 the wartime service medal, military operations service ribbon, the long  
 32 service medal, the achievement ribbon and the outstanding unit  
 33 ribbon.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	New section

***Statement of Purpose:***

To establish eligibility requirements for commendation and achievement medals and to set forth an order of precedence of state military decorations and awards.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*